

# High School P.T.A. Urged to Action by Speaker at Founders' Day Program



Paris Styles by MARY FENTRESS

## L. A. Club Leader Cites Need for Retaining Adult Classes, Extending Character Training

PARIS. (U.P.)—It hasn't stopped raining for the last three days, which makes a fashion writer feel inspired to discourse on the smart-new raincoats that are both smart and practical.

Waterproof, spotless velvet is the newest material to be used for a raincoat. It is made up in black in a tailored coat that has a high neck topped by a small pointed collar. Leg-of-mutton sleeves jut up above the normal shoulder line and a smart waterproof velvet belt encircles the fitted waist. Big patch pockets, over each hip, are practical as they are large enough to stow away a purse and gloves.

Oil Skins in Plaids  
Even crepe de chine can be made waterproof these days and it is made up in beige to form a cape raincoat that is trimmed with brown waterproof velvet. The shoulder cape is edged all the way around with the brown velvet and ties at the high neck with a stock scarf, likewise finished in velvet.

Full capes with peaked hoods are made in waterproof silk, linen and oil skin. In the latter material, they can be folded up into a tiny parcel and stuck away in an envelope bag of oil skin. Many of the capes are three-quarter length and are worn with wrap-around skirts of the same waterproof material.

Oil skins in Scotch plaids are smart in full-length, flaring coats that are patterned after tweed sport top coats. These have a matching umbrella and a shallow rain hat that fits on the back of the head.

**TODAY'S FASHION TIP**  
New raincoats are made from waterproof velvet or crepe de chine.

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**Public Invited to Club Dinner**

Torrance folk who are interested in world affairs are invited to attend the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, next Monday evening, Feb. 15, when Dr. E. Guy Talbot, widely known traveler and lecturer, will speak. The meeting will be held at the McDonald hall, 1951 Carson street, dinner served promptly at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Talbot will have for his topic, "Entangling Alliances in an Interdependent World." As a student of international affairs he has visited practically every country in Europe and Asia and investigated their economic, trade and political conditions. He speaks fearfully, sympathetically and convincingly and his first hand knowledge of his subject will make his address one of enlightenment to those who follow the fortunes of the various countries through the medium of newspaper and magazine. During the World War Dr. Talbot spoke to the soldiers at 29 army cantonments, and since the conclusion of peace has been actively engaged in furthering the cause of world peace through his numerous speaking engagements. To those who are interested in the subject his message next Monday night will be one of great value.

Those who wish to attend are requested to make reservations at once, and not later than noon Saturday, with Mrs. Sig Shoberg, telephone 140-R. Members of the club are especially asked to bring guests and to make the reservations for their guests as early as possible.

In addition to this fine speaker, Miss Ada Chase, chairman of the committee on international relations, has arranged a brief musical program of excellent talent.

**N. B. F. W. APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
Margaret K. Holcomb of Los Angeles was recently appointed chairman of the state nominating committee by Carolyn Weber, president of the California Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs. Elected to serve with Mrs. Holcomb are Dr. Alice B. Burke of Alameda, Bay Federation and Miss Bea Whittesey of San Pedro, representing the Los Angeles District. When complete, the committee will include a member from each of the seven district federations.

**FOOD SALE SATURDAY**  
The Woman's Aid Society of First Methodist church will hold a bake sale on the Safeway store on Carson street, Saturday, Feb. 13. Choice pies, cookies and salads will be offered at reasonable prices. Sale starts at 9:30 a. m.

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Challenging members of the High School Parent Teachers Association at their meeting in the school music room to keep free adult education in the schools and to stop the passage of the bill now in the California legislature, which if put thru will limit orphan aid to 16 years rather than 18 as it now stands.

Mrs. E. C. Eckerson, chairman of business and industrial clubs at the Los Angeles Y. W. C. A., addressed the group Monday.

Mrs. Eckerson, who is also a past junior vice-president of the Tenth district Parent Teachers' association, said in part: "The public school is the only institution in the country that contacts practically every child. It is appalling to know how little most adults know about the laws of the United States. Do you know what the penalty for committing petty theft is? Do you know the penalty for not reporting a lawbreaker? Do you know the penalty the law imposes on persons committing perjury? These and many other questions were flung at the assembly and answered by the speaker."

The visiting speaker also urged that the local P. T. A. support any move to provide more character-training work for public school pupils, maintaining that it is in the free institutions that children have their sole opportunity for such benefits.

**Vote Flood Donation**  
The Mothers' chorus, directed by Marjorie Eischen, sang two selections. As it was the annual Founders' Day program, a special collection of \$3.84 was sent to the district chairman to further the Parent-Teacher movement. The group voted \$2.50 for flood relief.

Following the meeting tea was served by the Founder's Day chairman, Mrs. Ralph Hutton assisted by hospitality chairman, Mrs. Ed Hatter. The huge birthday cake marking the group's first anniversary was cut by the president, Mrs. R. S. Sleeth, who was presented with a smaller cake, an exact replica of the larger one.

## City Teachers Attend Dinner

Twelve high school teachers, headed by Principal Thomas Elson attended the dinner in honor of Vierling Kersey, new Los Angeles city schools superintendent, held at the Shrine auditorium Saturday night. More than 1,500 educators were present, including Frank A. Bouelle, retiring superintendent, who made one of the principal addresses of the evening.

Monday afternoon Principal Elson and Vice-Principal Miss Parks attended a principals conference with Superintendent Kersey at the Lincoln high school. A number of administrative heads were also present to hear the former state school chief outline his policies in regard to the Los Angeles city school system.

**JUNIOR MUSICIANS ORGANIZE CLUB**  
Junior Musicians of America, a newly organized Torrance club, held their first rehearsal at the home of their conductor, R. Leggett. Three numbers rehearsed were "Sorority," "Even Song" and "Mary." The special numbers were a guitar duet "Aloha" by Phyllis Campbell and Doreen Livermore and a violin solo, "The Merry Widow" by Neil Silence. Johanna Casper was in charge of the program and Adeline Livermore served as concert mistress. This club plans a concert in the near future, which they plan to invite the public.

**MARION SEARS FETED AT BIRTHDAY DINNER**  
The birthday of Marion Sears furnished the incentive for a dinner party in the Sears home, 2372 Torrance boulevard, when Miss Jeanne Sears entertained Wednesday evening. Covers were placed for Misses Betty Elliot, Laura May Hyde, Phyllis Haffell, Mary Jane Smith, Donna Joe McCutcheon, Aggie Lou Rippey, Ruth Barnard, Marion Cate of Los Angeles and the Misses Jeanne, Marion and Phyllis Sears.

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## Girls' Honor Group At Narbonne Elects

Carrie Dellacqua, A-11, and Lily Hayward and Betsy Anne Hunt, B-12, have been chosen to complete the membership of Narbonne's girls' honor and service club, the Jane Addams. The club consists of 12 members chosen by a faculty group consisting of Miss Anna Mae Mason, sponsor; Miss Mary Wylie and Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, for their outstanding work in school activities.

Officers of the club for the new term are June Erickson, president; and Marie Franke, secretary. Other members include Ernestine Beck, Madeline Groove, June Lindgren, Betty Lou Powers, Pauline Stump, Rose Tapie and Evelyn Williams.

**ATTEND MEETING OF BEACH CHAPTER**  
Torrance chapter Order of Eastern Star was represented at the meeting of Playa Linda chapter in Hermosa Beach, Monday evening by Mmes. Leil Kerber, Lorene Ulrich, Edith Kasper, Hazel Fossum and Lillian Shriner.

**DANCE AND CARD PARTY SATURDAY**  
Saturday evening in the Masonic Temple, members of Torrance chapter of Eastern Star invite all Masons, Star members, their families and friends to join them for a dance and card party. Graffe's orchestra from Inglewood will furnish music for dancing. Prizes will be awarded for high scores in bridge and pinocle. Mrs. Carrie Parks, chairman for the affair, announces that tickets may be purchased at the door.

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## Famed Legion Officer Talks At Joint Meet

Pointing to Abraham Lincoln as a sterling example of true Americanism and reviewing his life history, Bert Mann, department chairman for the American Legion and chairman of the Americanism commission, delivered a stirring address to those attending the joint meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 and Auxiliary in Legion Hall Tuesday evening.

Mann has been chosen to speak at the Americanism meeting in Patriotic hall Los Angeles, Thursday, Feb. 25, when Legion Posts and Auxiliaries hold their annual meeting.

The Auxiliary had invited the Legion to be their guests at the Tuesday evening meeting and had programmed Pat Boyle, commander of the post, to address the gathering. Boyle gave them a real surprise when he introduced the state chairman as speaker. The American Legion Auxiliary glee club sang several well chosen numbers.

Bess Myers presided at the meeting and introduced the

## Kiwanians Hear Talk On Flood Disaster

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club heard a talk by Charles Meyers, senior member of the sales promotion department of the Sealy Mattress company, who has been making his home in Torrance. Meyers, a native of Memphis, Tenn., devoted a portion of his talk to a description of the flood disaster surrounding his former home town. John Miller was program chairman.

**Joint Club Session**  
Lomita Kiwanians were joined by 24 members of the Huntington Park club, who conducted the session, this week. The visitors comprised the fourth club to visit the newly-formed Lomita group since its organization under the presidency of John Holm.

auxiliary Americanism chairman, Alice Thompson, who presented the program. Addie Modglin was named chairman of the Junior members of the Auxiliary. Following the meeting, games and dancing furnished diversion, Julia Quayle furnishing the music for dancing. Sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served by the committee.

**GUESTS SAIL FOR ORIENT**  
Major and Mrs. E. C. Alley, of Washington, D. C., who were guests recently of Mrs. Alley's sister, Mrs. Leo. D. York, 1027 Portola avenue, sailed Feb. 5 for the Orient. Major Alley will be stationed at Tientsin, China, for two years.

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